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SUBJ: ZAMBIAN INTEREST IN IRANIAN ARMS

IN MEETING MAY 10 WITH VICE MINISTER OF WAR GENERAL TOUFANIAN,
POL/MIL COUNSELOR MADE REFERENCE TO SECRETARY'S VISIT TO
SOUTHERN AFRICA AND TO INCREASED U.S. INTEREST IN THAT AREA.
SAID WE HAD HEARD REPORTS OF A VISIT OF A ZAMBIAN DELEGATION
TO TEHRAN IN SEARCH OF ARMS. ASKED TOUFANIAN IF HE HAD ANY
INFORMATION ON THAT SUBJECT. TOUFANIAN REPLIED THAT GOI HAD
NOT AGREED TO ZAMBIAN REQUEST FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE. HE
IMPLIED THAT A REQUEST MIGHT STILL BE UNDER CONSIDERATION.
WE NOTED IMPORTANCE OF AREA TO BOTH IRAN AND U.S. AND VALUE
OF CONTINUING EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION. ASKED THAT GENERAL
TOUFANIAN KEEP US INFORMED OF ANY FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS. HE
AGREED TO DO SO.
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